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IRIS PEONIES PHLOX



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To our Friends and Patrons

Greeting:

In presenting the annual price list I wish to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to my friends, not only for their patronage, but also for their kind words to their friends and neighbors, in my behalf.

I realize that in order to do a successful business I must have every customer perfectly satisfied—once a customer always a customer.

Somebody said, "no man can write a proper advertisement for his own goods. He is too vitally interested."

If that is so I will let my customers present their views of my business methods and if you who are reading this have never dealt with me I assure you that if you send me an order you will receive as good service as the writers of the letters (or rather parts of letters) which follow. If you are intending to send an order "there is no time like the present."

Yours very truly,

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GEORGE N. SMITH.

Wellesley Hills, Mass., July, 1921.

Below we print extracts from a few of the letters referred to above;

Gardiner, Me., April 4, 1921.

The box of roots you sent arrived in good condition. You are certainly very generous in the size and number of the plants that you send out. I was surprised at receiving my order so quickly. I have had Iris from several growers but yours are by far the largest and best. I am really delighted with them.

Selma, Alabama, April 19, 1921.

Last fall I bought some Iris and Peonies of you and they have been and are the joy of my life. They have bloomed and done splendidly. I enjoy being a member of the Iris Society. It was through you that I found out about it. I have said many nice things about the way you treated me and thought many kind thoughts because of the fine plants you sent and the great pleasure we have had from them.

Yakima, Washington, May 19, 1921.

I am so pleased over the showing made by the Iris which I bought of you this spring that I feel it is only right to tell you of it. The plants were received some time in April and today I discovered that some of them are going to bloom. How is that for late planting? Please send your price list to (Ten names follow). I feel sure that you will get some orders.

Gloversville, N. Y., May 28, 1921.

Received the Phlox plants yesterday and it is surprising that you can ship such plants on a hot day and have them arrive in such fine shape. I am very much pleased with your selection and hope to send for more of your good stock.

Medina, N. Y., May 30, 1921.

I don't know whether or not you have time to read letters of appreciation and thanks, but if I was a plant dealer as well as an Iris lover, I think I should be glad to hear now and then from a satisfied customer. Anyhow I feel impelled to write you how the Irises I bought from you last fall have turned out. They are better than anything of the kind that I have ever had before. I didn't expect much from them the first spring after planting, but they have surpassed my expectations and I feel that I owe you sincere thanks for sending me such good roots and adding so much to one of the joys of my life.

I shall send another order in September.

Pierrepont Manor, N. Y., June 6, 1921.

The Iris which you sent me last fall have just finished blooming. They have been wonderful. Fully twenty different kinds and such large blooms. The Beony roots all did well and are making a good growth. Will you please send me six of your catalogues! Think you will get some orders from here.

St. Paul, Minn., June 6, 1921.

Thought I had your catalogue but unable to find it but still remember the name and address, also the big roots of Iris that I bought three years agogrowing just like weeds and blooms by the thousand. What I want to say is can you furnish the following Iris?

St. George, N. B...

Our Peonies all turned out well and some of them bloomed—they were very beautiful. We are well pleased and would like to get some more stock from you in the fall.

Fanwood, N. J.

I must thank you for the large, generous rhizomes of Iris which I received safely, and a neighbor who also received her collection from you was most enthusiastic over those you sent her. I shall send for more next year.

.. Hartford, Conn.

I want to thank you for the splendid Iris plants you sent me. I received at least three times as much for my money as I did from the last house I ordered from. They are worth a lot more than they cost.

Waltham, Mass.

I take great pleasure in sending friends to you for I know they will get good value for their money.

Canton, Ill., June 18, 1921.

I am planning my fall orders, but if you are putting out a new booklet or list I will wait for it as all the Iris received from you last November were entirely satisfactorily. All bloomed.

Pittsburg, Kansas.

The Iris bulbs ordered from you on July 23rd. arrived in first class condition a few days ago and I am certainly pleased with the fine size and thrifty condition of the bulbs sent me.

I was under the impression that the soil of Mass. was deficient in fertility, but it certainly is adapted to the growth of Iris, as I have never seen better bulbs than the ones sent to me.

Several of the plants sent me were so large as to tempt be to sub-divide them, but wanting to make certain of plenty of blooms, thought best to wait until after their blooming season is over, next spring, at which time I want to make as many divisions as possible.

Thanking you for the fine selections and the splendid specimens sent me, I beg to remain,

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., July 5, 1921.

You are an honest man and I am a well pleased one. Parcel received today in good condition and revealed the fact that all you said in your advertisement was more than done.

Thanks for extras. And now that the peace documents have been signed kindly let Iris Germanica go to the barber and have its "Beard" shaved off. "Bearded Iris" "Bearded Lady" "Bearded Goat" "Blue Beard" can all be placed in the same category. I beg of you kindly restore "Iris Germanica" and all the Poetry that goes with it.

PEONIES

Words cannot describe the beauty of the modern peony. Only those who have seen the recent introductions have any conception of its charms with flowers four to eight inches in diameter, on long stiff stems, in the greatest possible variety of color and form. many of them equal to the rose or carnation in delicious fragrance. Hardy as an oak, and



once planted in good soil they require very little attention. No roots to take up each fall and plant in the spring, when once planted all is done, each year adding to the size and beauty. "Massive, without being coarse; fragrant without being pungent; grand, without being gaudy; various in form and color, beyond the possibility of being successfully superseded, it stands in the front rank of hardy flowers."

Planting and Cultivation .
While the peony will grow and flower under con-

ditions which would be fatal to most plants, it will freely respond to liberal treatment, and if the best flowers are wanted, it will pay to plant in well prepared ground and keep them well cultivated and enriched. If it can be obtained, use a liberal quantity of well rotted stable manure, thoroughly mixing it with the soil. Never allow fresh manure to come in contact with the roots although it may be put on top of the ground as a mulch. Ground bone and wood ashes are excellent. A commercial fertilizer strong in potash is good.

Plant three feet apart, with the eyes about three inches under ground. Too deep planting may cause shy flowering.

Time to Plant

Peonies may be planted in the fall any time after the first of September until the ground freezes, or early in the spring, although the best time is during September and October, since they then have time to form new roots and get a good hold of the soil before winter.

Do Not Expect Too Much at First

Peonies when transplanted do not fully recover and produce typical flowers until the second or third year.

If large flowers are wanted, pick off all but the central bud on each stem; before and during the flowering season be sure that they have an abundance of water. If the flowers are cut before they

are opened and put in water in the house, they will be larger and brighter colored and keep longer than if allowed to open in the sun. Make a new cut on the stem and give fresh water every day.

When cutting flowers, especially from young, plants, do not cut too near the ground but leave as much foliage as possible, because the leaves are necessary for root growth. The leaves gather certain gases from the air, while the roots take up plant food from the soil in the form of salts, and the assimilating is done by leaves. Leaves are as necessary to plant life as lungs are to animal life.

Varieties-True to Name

Instead of a long list of varieties, regardless of quality it is our aim to effer the best of different colors and types covering the flowering season from the earliest to the latest.

We spare no effort to keep our stock healthy and true to name.

Service and Prices

A pleased customer is our greatest asset and we try to give service that will increase our assets yearly. We are not satisfied until our patrons are more than satisfied as we realize that our success depends more on the service we give than on the profit we make.

We have put our prices as low as is consistent with good stock true to name. Not so much depends on what you pay as on what you get.

PRICE LIST

ADMIRAL TOGO(Hollis 1907). Medium, com
pact, flat, semi-rose type. Unusually dark crimson
carmine, uniform color throughout, without silver
tips; does not fade. Medium, tall, strong, erect, free
bloomer. Midseason 2.00
ADOLPHE ROUSSEAU (Dessert and Mechin
1890). Large semi-double; purplish garnet. Tal
grower, free bloomer. Early 2.00
ALBERT CROUSSE (Crousse 1893). Very large
flat bomb, fresh pink. Very desirable. Late 1.00
ALEXANDRE DUMAS (Guerin 1862). Light
violet-rose, crown. Creamy white collar of narrow
petals, mingled with the wide center petals. Fra-
grant. Medium height, free bloomer. Early mid-
season
ARCHIE BRAND (Brand 1913). Immense bomb
type, an even deep seashell pink with a silvery hor-
der. One of its chief attractions is its delicate fra-
grance which resembles that of the rose. Mid-
season 5.00
ASA GRAY (Crousse 1886). Pale lilac sprinkled
with minute dots of deeper lilac. Large rose shape;
very fragrant. Midseason 1.50
AUGUST MIELLEZ. Large compact rose type;
carmine rose tipped silver, strong grower, free
bloomer. Medium height. Late midseason75
AUGUSTE VILLAUME (Crousse 1895). Dark
- 4x00001E VILLAUME CORRESE 10901. Dark

violet rose. Extra large, compact, tall, strong
growth Very late 1.00
AUGUSTIN D'HOUR (Calot 1867). Large
bomb; brilliant red. Extra. Midseason75
AURORE (Dessert 1904). Large, flat, loose, semi-
rose type. Lilac-white, collar lighter, center
flecked with crimson; stamens prominent. Medium
tall, compact. Late 1.50
AVALANCHE (Crousse 1886). Large compact
crown; cream white collar, center tinted lilac white,
center petals delicately edged with carmine.
Late 1.00
BARONESS SCHROEDER (Kelway 1899). Very
large, globular, rose type. Flesh-white fading to
milk-white. Fragrance XX. Tall, strong growth,
very free bloomer. Midseason
BOULE DE NEIGE (Calot 1862). Semi-rose
type; large and compact, milk white flecked crim-
son. Free bloomer. Early midseason
CANARI (Guerin 1861). Medium sized bomb,
guards flesh white, center amber white. Fragrance
XX. Late
CANDIDISSIMA (Calot 1856). Rose type. Guard
petals creamy-white, center sulphur yellow, delicate-
ly tinted flesh with a light green heart. Has true
honey fragrance
CARNEA ELEGANS (Calot 1860). Perfect-
shaped flower, broad petals. Clear flesh color, a
glossy reflex, mixed with small yellow petals; extra
fine bloom

CHERRY HILL (Thurlow 1915). Very deep garnet, yet with a sheen which makes it especially noticeable in a collection; in young plants, some stamens are usually visible. Stems long and stiff.
CHESTINE GOWDY (Brand 1913). Crown type,
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guard petals of silvery pink surrounding a zone of
fine irregular shaped closely set petals of deep rich
cream which in turn enclose a prominent cone of
broad pink petals splashed and tipped with crimson
delighfully fragrant. Medium late 5.00
CLAIRE DUBOIS (Crousse 1886). Very large,
globular rose type. Uniform color clear deep violet
rose, tipped silvery white. Late 1.50
COURONNE D'OR (Calot 1873). Large, semi-
rose type. Pure white with a ring of yellow sta-
mens around a tuft of center petals tipped carmine.
Good cut flower variety. Strong grower and free
Late
DE CANDOLLE (Crousse 1880). Large rose
type, bright lilac purple. Late midseason50
DELACHEI (Delache 1856). Large rose type,
full, rich dark crimson slightly tipped silver, free
bloomer. Late midseason
DORCHESTER (Richardson 1870). Large com-
pact rose type. Pale hydrangea pink. Medium
height. Upright free bloomer. Fragrant
DUC de WELLINGTON (Calot 1859). Large

bomb, white with sulphur center. Vigorous grower, free bloomer. Fragrance XX. Late.

.50

EDITH FORREST (Hollis). Introduced by E. P. Wheeler in 1918 and described by him as follows: "Large, double bright pink, very full and double, fine form, strong grower, exceedingly free bloomer, tall, with large strong stems, that hold the flowers firmly, erect, without any tendency to droop. The most fragrant Peony known. Midseason. Six plants only. 40.00

E. G. HILL (Lemoine 1906). Deep rose pink of clear color, large flat flowers with imbricated petals. Stiff stems, medium height. Midseason. 5.00

ELIZABETH BARRETT BROWNING (Brand 1907). Rose type. When first opening a soft seashell pink. When fully open a pure white of most attractive form and quality. One of the most delightfully fragrant peonies ever produced. 25.00

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX (Brand 1907). Deep pink of noticeable fragrance. Blossoms in clusters.

EUGENE VERDIER (Calot 1864). Very large,
compact, typical rose type. Pale hydrangea-pink,
outer guard petals lilac-white. Fragrant. Very erect,
rather dwarf habit, with extra-strong stems, free
bloomer. 1.50
EUGENIE VERDIER (Calot 1864). Large, me-
dium compact, flat, semi-rose type. Pale hydrangea-
pink, collar lighter, center deeper flecked crimson.
Fragrance X. Tall, medium, erect, free bloomer.
Midseason
FARIBAULT (Brand 1917). Rose type, deep rose
of a peculiar shade, with a sheen. Late 10.00
FELIX CROUSSE (Crousse 1881). Very brilliant
red. Medium to large globular, typical bomb shape;
fragrant; strong growth. Midseason
FESTIVA MAXIMA (Miellez 1851). Very large,
often 7 to 8 inches. Rose type, pure white, center
usually flecked with crimson. Strong, vigorous
grower. Early
FLORAL TREASURE (Rosenfield 1900). Rose
type. Showy pale lilac rose. Midseason50
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE (Brand 1907). Very
large rose type. Pure white with faint crimson mark-
ings on edges of a few petals. Fragrant. Tall grow-
er. Very late 5.00
FRANCES WILLARD (Brand 1907). Opens an
exquisite blush white with an occasional carmine
touch changing to pure white. A wonderful combi-
nation of strength and delicacy 10.00
GERMAINE BIGOT (Dessert 1902). Very large
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KARL ROSENFIELD (Rosenfield 1908). Very
large, globular, compact semi-rose type. Dark crim-
son. Very strong, tall, compact grover and free
bloomer. Midseason. A very brilliant and striking
variety. 4.00
LAFAYETTE (Dessert 1904). Very large, com-
pact rose type. Light violet-rose, marked white.
Fragrance XXX. Medium height. Midseason.
Good
LADY ALEXANDRA DUFF (Kelway 1902).
Immense cup-shaped bloom of French pink shading
to flesh color in the center 10.00
LA FRANCE (Lemoine 1901). Very large per-
fect rose type. Soft apple blossom pink, with reflex.
Distinct and beautiful. Very rare. Midseason to
late 10.00
LAMARTINE (Calot 1860). Syn. Gigantea. Very
large, rose type. Pale lilac-rose, center shaded
darker guards and collar fading to rose-white. Agree-
able spicy fragrance, distinct from any other. Tall,
free bloomer. Midseason. 1.00
LA LORRAINE (Lemoine 1901). Immense blooms
of creamy white with a golden light 10.00
LA ROSIERE (Crousse 1888). Large, flat, me-
dium compact, semi-double. Outer petals pure white,
shading to cream-white in the center. Mid-
season
LA TENDRESSE (Crousse 1896). Large com-
pact flat rose type. Uniform milk white, guards
slightly splashed and center flecked with crimson.

Fragrance X. Early 1.50
LA TULIPE (Calot 1872). Large semi-rose type,
delicate blush white shading to ivory white, outer
guard petals striped crimson. Fragrant, strong
grower. Midseason
LA SUBLIME (Parmenter 1850). Large semi-
rose type. Dark crimson. Growth strong and
healthy. Midseason
L'ECLATANTE (Calot 1860). Bomb type, deep,
velvety crimson. Midseason
LE CYGNE (Lemoine 1907). Large globular
blooms of pure white sometimes showing golden sta-
mens. Petals much incurved, making it a very dis-
tinct variety. Stock extremely scarce 20.00
L'INDISPENSABLE (Unknown). Very large
rose-type, soft sea-shell pink. Frequently sold as
Eugene Verdier. It came to us as Eugene Verdier
from three different growers
LIVINGSTONE (Crousse 1879). Very large com-
pact semi-rose type. Pale lilac rose with silver tip.
Center petals flecked with carmine. Late 1.00
LONGFELLOW (Brand 1907). Bright crimson
with a cherry tone, claimed to be the most brilliant
of all the red peonies 10.00
LOUIS VAN HOUTTE (Delache 1854). Dark
crimson. Large semi-rose type, compact, fragrant;
medium height. Late
LOVELINESS (Hollis 1907). Large, compact,
flat, rose type. Uniform hydrangea-pink, changing
to lilac-white. Fragrance X. Medium tall. Mid-
season. 10.00

MADAME AUGUSTE DESSERT (Dessert 1889).
Very large blooms of glossy flesh tinged carmine,
center flecked crimson; well formed and lasting,
both as a cut flower and for landscape effects 2.00
MADAME BOLLET (Calot 1867). Very compact,
globular, rose type. Pale lilac-pink, silvery reflex.
Medium habit. Late midseason
MADAME BOULANGER (Crousse 1886). Rose-
type; extra large full bloom, glossy soft rose sha-
ding to lilac bordered silver flesh; exceedingly free
bloomer with remarkable lasting qualities 1.00
MADAME BUCQUET (Dessert 1888). Large
semi-rose type; velvety crimson, rich and magnifi-
cent. Free bloomer. Midseason
MADAME CALOT (Miellez 1856). Very large,
rose type. Pale hydrangea-pink, center shaded dark-
er, collar tinted silver. Fragrance XX. Tall, strong
grower, free bloomer. Early
MADAME CAMILLE BANCEL (Crousse 1897).
Rose type; late. Large globular convex flower that
is very compact and full; uniform deep pink or sol-
ferino red, with silvery reflex and salmon shadings;
beautiful and distinct
MADAME CROUSSE (Calot 1866). Medium size,
globular, crown. Pure white, center flecked crimson.
Strong medium height; free bloomer. Midseason.
MADAME de GALHAU (Crousse 1883). Very
large globular rose type, soft, glossy, flesh pink.

MADAME de VERNEVILLE (Crousse 1885).
Large full bloom; guard petals pure white, center
blush fading to white, prominent carmine flecks.
Extra early
MADAME DUCEL (Mechin 1880). Bomb type;
Petals somewhat incurved like a chrysanthemum.
Light mauve rose with silvery reflex. Odor pleas-
ant. Midseason
MADAME EMILE GALLE (Crousse 1881). Rose
type. Large cup shape, delicate sea-shell pink with
touches of heliotrope and lavender. A very attrac-
tive variety. Extra choice. Late 1.00
MADAME EMILE LEMOINE (Lemoine 1899).
Large globular compact rose type, soft glossy white
overlaid with a sheen of satiny pink. Medium height
Midseason. 2.00
MADAME GEISSLER (Crousse 1880). Full
double rose type. Color violet rose, tips of petals
nearly white giving a beautiful silvery appearance.
A giant in size and a strong grower Fragrance XXX.
Midseason. Extra
MADAME JULES DESSERT (Dessert 1909).
Very large imbricated flower. White, overlaid with
clear pink, shaded rose and straw-yellow, with a few
carmine stripes. Exquisite shade, a variety of ab-
solute superiority
MADAME LEBON (Calot 1855). Large compact
rose type. Cherry pink to analine red, uniform
throughout. Late

red with a bluish coat, profuse bloomer,, medium
height. Midseason
MARECHAL VAILLANT (Calot 1867). Very
large compact typical rose bloom. Mauve pink. Good
variety. Very late
MARGUERITE GERARD (Crousse 1892). Very
large semi-rose type, pale hydrangea pink, chang-
ing to nearly white. Late 1.00
MARIE JACQUIN (Verdier) (syn. Bridesmaid),
flowers white or delicate flesh color of the most ex-
quisite form and beauty. Side buds oftentimes semi-
double, resembling water lilies. Very robust and
floriferous. Midseason
MARIE LEMOINE (Calot 1869). Large, very
compact rose type Pure white, with cream-white
center occasional carmine tip. Fragrant. Medium
height, extra-strong stem. Very late 1.00
MARIE STUART (Calot 1856). Crown type
delicate lavender flecked with crimson, fading to pure
white. Good. Early
MARTHA BULLOCK (Brand 1907). Enormous
cup-shaped flower of soft rose-pink, well formed
and of good substance. Strong grower and free
bloomer. Fragrant. Late 25.00
MARY BRAND (Brand 1907). A vivid crimson
with a silky sheen that gives it a wonderful bril-
liance. Very large flower and free bloomer 7.50
MASTERPIECE (Kelway 1895). Medium size
semi-rose type. Brilliant, Tyrian rose. Fragrant.
Tall grower, free bloomer. Very distinct and beau-
tiful variety. Midseason

MIDNIGHT (Brand 1907). Large loose semi-rose type. Deep maroon; flowers borne on long stiff stems: good for cutting. MIGNON (Lem. 1908). Very large, compact. globular, rose type. Lacy white, passing to ambercream, center flecked crimson. Frangrance XXX. Medium tall, strong grower. Midseason. Extra good. 7.00 MILTON HILL (Richardson). Very large, globular, compact rose type. Pale, lilac rose. Very distinct, pure color. Late. -3.00MIREILLE (Crousse 1894). Rose type, very large milk white, the latest white to bloom.75 MODESTE GUERIN (Guerin 1845). Bomb type, strong grower and free bloomer. Midseason... .75 MONS. BASTIEN LE PAGE (Crousse 1885). Very large, globular, typical crown. Uniform pure mauve-pink, with very marked silvery reflex. Fragrance X. Tall, extra strong. Midseason, 1.50 MONS BOUCHARLAT AINE (Calot 1868). Large, full, compact, semi-rose type. Uniform light violet-rose, with silvery reflex. Very strong, erect grower, medium height, free bloomer. Late midseason. Extra good.75 MONS JULES ELIE (Crousse 1888). Very large bomb, glossy lilac pink shading to deeper at base of petals. Extra. Midseason. 1.00 MONS, MARTIN CAHUZAC (Dessert 1899). Medium sized, globular semi-rose type. Very dark purple-garnet with black reflex. The darkest peony in the trade. Free bloomer. Early midseason. 5.00

MONT BLANC (Lemoine 1899). Large, compact,
globular, rose type. Milk-white, center tinted rose.
Fragrance XXX. Early midseason
MRS. A. G. RUGGLES (Brand 1913). Large, flat,
delicately suffused with lilac, gradually fading to
pure white. Tall, strong grower. Fragrant; very
fine. Very late
NIGRICANS (Unknown). Medium size, semi-
rose type. Dark crimson, very deep rich color
throughout. Strong, erect grower, free bloomer.
Good variety. Midseason to late
PHILOMELE (Calot 1861). Flat crown. Bright
violet rose, golden yellow center with tuft of rose,
bordered carmine, free bloomer. Midseason 1.00
PHOEBE CAREY (Brand 1907). Large, flat
flower of the rose type. Soft lavender pink, with
darker center. Very late 10.00
PRINCESS BEATRICE (Kelway 1886). Large,
compact high crown. Guards and crown light violet-
rose, collar cream-white, center flecked crimson.
Fragrant. Very free bloomer
RICHARD CARVEL (Brand 1913). Immense
globular bomb. Bright crimson. Tall stout stems,
profuse bloomer. Early midseason 5.00
ROSA BONHEUR. Very large, flat rose type with
wide imbricated petals. Light violet rose, guards
flecked crimson. Erect, medium tall, strong grower.
Midseason. Extra. 5.00
R. P. WHITFIELD (Richardson). Large com-

R. P. WHITFIELD (Richardson). Large compact, flat rose type. Hydrangea-pink. Fragrant.

Medium height, erect grower. Extra good variety.
Late 5.00
RUBRA SUPERBA (Richardson 1871). Large,
compact informal rose type. Deep crimson. Slow
about coming into flower, but a good variety when
established. Fragrant. Very late
RUY BLAS (Dessert). Medium size, flat, semi-
rose type. Pure mauve, tipped silver. Dwarf, com-
pact, free bloomer. Midseason 2.50
SARAH BERNHARDT (Lemoine 1906). Flat,
compact, semi-rose type. Flowers of remarkable
size and freshness in huge clusters, full and double,
of unusual perfection of form; color apple-blossom
pink, with each petal silver tippea, giving the ap-
pearance of a distinct border of pure white; frag-
nance agreeable and penetrating; magnificent. 4.00
SOLANGE (Lemoine 1907). Full, globular, flow-
ers with a closely petalled tuft in the center. A
rare and indescribabe shade of fleshy white, with a
salmon center, passing to white shaded soft flesh, a
charming color of remarkable freshness 10.00
THERESE (Dessert 1904). Rose type, rich vio-
let rose slightly splashed with crimson fading to
lilac white in the center. Size enormous. Strong
grower and free bloomer. Midseason 6.00
TOURANGELLE (Dessert 1910). Delicate rose
color with salmon tints. Extra 7.00
TRIOMPHE DE L'EXPOSITION DE LILLE.
(Calot 1865). Very large compact, semi-rose type;
pale hydrangea-pink, splashed with a darker tint;
fragrant; strong grower

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UMBELLATA ROSEA (Unknown). Rose type
Guard petals violet rose, center straw yellow with
tufts of whitish pink. Very free bloomer. Very
early
VENUS (Kelway). Very large crown, pale hy-
drangea-pink. Free bloomer. Extra good. Mid-
season 1.00
VIRGINIE (Calot 1848). Large, semi-rose type
Fragrant. Free bloomer. Midseason
WALTER FAXON (Richardson). Medium size
globular, semi-rose type. Uniform pure, bright rose
deepening towards the center. Very distinct and
delicate color. Strong, medium tall. free bloomer
Midseason. Scarce 8.00
MIXED PEONIES. Good varieties without

.... \$2.50 per dozen \$15.00 per 100

"O Earth make plain
The triumph and the power
Of Life eternal over death and pain
Although it be by some simple flower."
—CLINTON SCOLLARD

names.

SINGLE AND JAPANESE PEONIES

AREOS. Soft pink fading to white
CURIOSITY (Dessert & Mechen 1886). Large
blooms that are very attractive. Color violet-red,
the narrow central petals tipped yellow. Tall grower;
fragrant
DARKNESS (Brand 1913). Large single. Very
dark maroon with darker markings on lower half of
petals which surround a bold cluster of golden sta-
mens 1.00
DEFIANCE. Color between a pink and a red very
showy
DREADNAUGHT (Barr). Crimson, Extra fine .75
HERMES A very delicate shade of hydrangea
pink
LA FIANCEE (Dessert 1902). Tall, vigorous
grower, producing very large flowers of white with
golden stamens. 2.00
L'ETINCELANTE (Dessert 1902). Cupshaped
flower, broad petals of a rich, clear carmine broadly
edged with silver. Exceptionally fine 2.50
MIKADO (Japan's Exhibit, Chicago, 1893). The
best of the so called Japanese type. Deep red guard
petals, enclosing a filigree cushion of golden petal-
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genta. Medium height, up	right, free bloomer. Mid-
season. Good landscape v	ariety 1.50
ROSY DAWN (Barr).	Large, snow-white flower,
tinged blush at first, resem	bling a great white water
lily.	2.00
THE MOOR. Very da	kprich glowing crimson. .75

"O memories dear that linger near
The meadow, brook and wildwood
And blue flag sweet that make complete
The sunny days of childhood.

BEARDED IRIS

Fleur de Lis

"What skillful limner e'er would choose
To paint the rainbow's varying hues.
Unless to mortal it were given

To dip his brush in dyes of heaven."

No flower has more combinations of delicate shades of color than the Iris. They are perfectly hardy and will thrive in any soil or situation—except a wet one—although they prefer a dry sunny location.

They may be planted any time from early spring until late fall, but the best time seems to be during August and September.

As cut flowers they are invaluable; if cut just as they are about to open and put in water and allowed to open indoors they have a delicacy of coloring they do not have in the open and will last a long time. One bud will bloom and when it fades another will take its place and the procession is kept up until all have opened.

We have no desire to present a long list composed partly of inferior or even mediocre varieties, we want only the best.

In the following descriptions S. signifies standards or upright petals, and F. the falls or drooping petals.

ALCAZAR. A giant in flower and growth ,S. bluish-violet; F. deep purple, bronze veined at the throat. Beautiful. 3-4 feet. 1.50

AMAS (Macrantha). S. rich blue; F. violet, very
large handsome flower. 2 feet
ANNA FARR. S. white, lightly bordered pale
blue, F. pure white with blue markings at base. Im-
mense flower with delicious scent
ANNE LESLIE (Sturteyant). The standards are
white with the finest flush of rose on the upper half:
falls are rich carmine enlivened by an orange beard.
Unusual in color. 27 inches 2.00
ARCHEVEQUE. S. rich purple violet; F. deepest
velvety violet; extremely rich coloring. A rare and
beautiful flower, late flowering. 2 feet 1.00
ARNOLS. S. rosy bronze; F. rich velvety purple
30 inches
AUREA. Rich chrome yellow, the finest pure
yellow. 24 inches
B. Y. MORRISON (Sturtevant). 1915, S. pale
lavender violet; F. velvety purple with dark outline
on wide lavender border. Distinct and very hand-
some. 2.50
CAPRICE. S. rosy red; F. deeper and richer50
CARTHUSIAN. S. clear lavender-blue, F. dark-
er blue, reticulated brown at claw. Large and frag-
rant. Very early. 2 feet 2.00
COMTE de ST. CLAIR. S. pale blue, F. deep vio-
let, striped and margined white, free flowering. 2
fect
CRUSADER. Standards, a light shade, and falls
a deep shade of violet blue. 3½ feet 3.00
DARIUS. S. rich canary-yellow; F. lilac mar-
gined white, rich orange beard. One of the most

distinct and beautiful. 20 inches
EDOUARD MICHEL. S. rosy mauve; F. deep-
er mauve. Handsome and distinct in color. Very
rare 2.00
EXQUISITE. S. clouded yellow; F. rose lilac,
with orange crest. 26 inches
FAIRY. White, delicately bordered and suffused
soft blue. 30 inches
FLAVESCENS. Height, 30 inches. S. and F. a
delicate shade of soft yellow; prolific bloomer. 20
FLORENTINA. Creamy white faintly flushed
lavender; fragrant, early, fine for cutting. 2 feet.
FLORENTINA BLUE. Large and conspicuous
flowers of dark purple, veined at the base. Early
2 feet
GYPSY QUEEN. S. old gold, shaded smoked-
pearl; F. black-maroon, reticulated light yellow; late
bloomer, 2 feet
HALFDAN. Creamy white; large flowers of good
substance. Very early
HECTOR. S. soft clouded yellow; F. velvety
crimson black; showy. 30 inches
HER MAJESTY. S. a lovely rose-pink; F. bright
crimson tinged a darker shade. A most beautiful
variety
HONORABILIS. S. golden; F. rich mahogany-
brown; very effective. 18 inches
INGEBORG. Pure white; very large flowers of
handaama farm

IRIS KING. S. clear lemon yellow; F. rich ma-
roon bordered yellow. Very fine
ISOLINE. S. silvery lilac, slightly flushed yellow.
F. purplish old rose with orange beard. Large and
very handsome. 3 feet
JACQUEMINOT. S. soft rosy lilac; F. crimson,
very free flowering, distinct
JOHANN de WITT. S. bluish-violet; F. deep vio-
let-purple; veined with white
JUNIATA. S. and F. clear blue, large fragrant
flowers on very tall stems
lavender with orange crest
KOCHII. Rich claret purple. Very handsome25
LADY FOSTER. S. pale blue; F, light bluish-
violet, veined old gold at the throat. 3½ feet. 5.00
LIABAUD. S. yellow; F. maroon; fine15
LORD SALISBURY. Standards amber-white;
falls dark violet-purple
LOHENGRIN. S. mauve; F. Chinese violet, very
large and free blooming. 36 incehs50
LORD OF JUNE. A grand Iris. Lavender blue
standards with falls of rich violet blue. Large flow-
ers and bold, vigorous habit. 3 feet 5.00
LORELEY. S. light yellow; F. ultramine blue
bordered cream; height, 2 feet
MADAME CHEREAU. White beautifully frilled
with wide border of clear blue. One of the best. 32
inches
MADAME PACQUITTE. Height 30 inches. S.
and F bright rosy claret Late 25

MAORI KING. S. rich golden-yellow; F. velvety-
crimson with a yellow edge; height, 1½ feet35
MISS MAGGIE. Height 24 inches. Soft pinkish
lavender
MITHRAS. (Var.). S. light yellow; F. brilliant
wine-red, with narrow border of deep yellow50
MONSIGNOR. S. rich satiny violet; F. velvety
purple crimson with deeper veinings and lighter mar-
gin. Large handsome flower. 28 inches
MRS. ALLAN GRAY. Delicate pale rose-mauve.
.75
MRS. G. DARWIN. A lovely new hybrid. White,
the upper part of the fall reticulated gold and vio-
let
MRS. H. DARWIN. S. pure white. F. slightly
reticulated violet at the base; very beautiful and free flowering. 2 feet. Extra
flowering. 2 feet. Extra
golden yellow. One of the best of this color50
MRS. G. RUETHE. S. white, shaded and veined
blue-gray; F. white, frilled soft blue
NIBELUNGEN. S. fawn yellow; F. violet purple
with fawn margin
PALAUREA. (Sturtevant). A shaded Lobelia
Violet with a warm glow of yellow thru the center
of pallida habit. 3 feet
PRESTIGE. (Sturtevant). The standards, and
edges of the falls a clear Lemon Yellow; the center
of the falls white with sharply defined veins of Mars
Violet 1.00

PALLIDA DALMATICA. One of the finest of the
Germanica type, of strong vigorous habit, growing in
good soil three to four feet high with exceptionally
large, fragrant flowers. S. lavender; F. shaded blue;
exquisite in every way and fine for massing25
PALLIDA SPECIOSA. S. dark lavender, shaded
lighter, F. shaded light purple. 42 inches25
PERFECTION. S. light blue flecked with deeper
shade, F. rich velvety violet black with orange beard.
Very attractive. 30 inches
PRINCESS OF TECK. Standards smoky yellow;
F. a peculiar shade of deep purplish rose. Very
distinct and handsome variety
PRINCESS VICTORIA LOUISE. S. sulphur yel-
low, F .rich plum, bordered cream
PROSPER LAUGIER. A fine plant on the lines
of Jacquesiana but with larger flowers and brighter
in color; falls very broad; of deepest velvety crim-
son, richly veined at the throat
QUEEN CATERINA. (Sturtevant). Pale laven-
der-violet, with yellow heard. White haft, veined with bronze. 30 inches. 4.00
with bronze. 30 inches. 4.00
QUEEN OF MAY. A lovely soft rose-lilac, al-
most pink, beautiful. 32 inches
RHEIN NIXE. S. pure white; F. deep violet-blue
with a white edge, height, 3 feet
ROSE UNIQUE. Bright violet rose, the nearest
approach to a pink Iris. Early
SHAKESPEARE. S. straw-yellow, veined with
burnt umber; F. deep carmine violet
SHERWIN-WRIGHT. Rich golden-yellow with-
out markings or shadings. 2 feet

SINDJKHAT (Sturtevant). Standards Deep Dull
Lavender shading to Dark Olive Buff at base and
deepening to Manganese Violet on the falls. Ex-
ceedingly fine form and substance. 48 in 4.00
TROJANA. (syn. Cypriana and Asiatica). Very
large, handsome flowers; pale blue standards; very
long, rich purple-blue falls; late flowering; resembles
Pallida, but is larger and later flowering35
VAN GEERTI. S. clouded lavender; F. purple-
black reticulated white. 34 inches
VICTORINE. S. white, mottled blue; F. violet-
blue mottled white, beautiful and rare. 27 in25
WALHALLA. S. lavender; F. wine red. Very
showy. 20 inches
WALNERIANA. S. light blue, flushed bronze; F.
pale violet, orange crest. Height, 30 inches25
WINDHAM. S. very soft lavender-pink; F.
heavily veined with a darker shade; very large
flower. 1.00
WYOMISSING. S. creamy white, suffused delicate
soft rose; F. deep rose base, shading to flesh-colored
border
ZUA. Falls and Standards like Canton-crepe ruf-
fled edges. Light lavender, large flower, very frag-
rant. The first to bloom. 16 to 18 in 3.00
CHOICE MIXTURE NOT LABELED. \$1.00 per
dogon \$5.00 per 100 \$45.00 per 1000

SIBERIAN IRIS

SIBERICA SNOW QUEEN. Lovely pure white with a golden yellow blotch at base. 42 in.25

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Perennial Phlox are very desirable summer and fall blooming plants, flowering from the first of July until after severe frosts. By planting Iris, Peonies and Phlox a display of flowers may be had from early in May until cold weather. \$.15 each, \$1.50 per dozen, \$10.00 per 100, except as noted. Large clumps, \$.25 each.

FRAU ANTON BUCHNER The finest white yet
produced, strong grower, producing flowers of enor-
mous size
INDEPENDENCE. Tall, pure white20
IRIS. Light purple.
LOTHAIR. Clear even carmine, deep crimson
eye
MISS LINGARD. One of the earliest flowering
tall varieties. Medium sized white flower with light
red eye. A continua bloomer
RICHARD WALLACE. Tall; white with violet-
red center; a good old sort, always clean and fresh.
R. P. STRUTHERS. Bright rosy red. crimson
eye
ROSENBERG. Rich carmine violet with blood red
eye. Fine trusses with individual flowers of im-
mense size, sometimes as large as a silver dollar.
RYNSTROM. An exceptionally beautiful brilliant
rose blossom, large size and truss Tall. Midseason to late
son to late
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WELLESLEY. A seedling of Elizabeth Campbell. When first shown before the Mass. Horticultural So-

Nearly everybody who sees it wants it although one nurseryman says "it don't amount to much." .50

good seedlings too."

the novelties was Geo. N. Smith's new Phlox Wellesley, a pink of exceptionally pure color; he had other

MIXED PHLOX

Each year we plant seed gathered from our choicest warieties of Phlox and have a collection of seedlings which we offer as "Mixed Phlox." Among them are many equal to the best of the named varieties—yes, some of them are better than their parents. \$1.50 per dozen. \$10.00 per 100.

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12 Peonies Worth \$7.25 for \$5.00

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Every One a Gem

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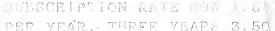
Late in the season we may be obliged to make a change in the above lists but in no case will we substitute an inferior or lower priced variety,

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-ELLA WHEELER WILCOX

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BEARDED IRIS

THE ORCHID OF THE GARDEN

By GEORGE N. SMITH

A few years ago the writer was called by telephone and asked "Don't you want to buy some Iris? A young man in Lowell wishes to dispose of his entire lot." I replied, "No! I have no place for them." But - well to make a long story short, I bought them. They were planted near the street (in August) and when they flowered the following year they certainly presented a never-to-be-forgotten sight people came miles to see them. The came from near, they came from far, they came on foot, by carriage, by car. Wherever they came from they reached the same goal where they could feast the eye and inspire the soul. One party came more than seventy-five miles to see them and remarked, "That is a sight well worth a one hundred and fifty mile ride to see." The exclamations of surprise, wonder, delight, which they elicted and the pleasure they afforded visitors and passersby well repaid us for all our work and expense. I say work, but to one who loves beauty, who loves nature, ministering to the wants of one's plants is not work, it is recreation - enjoyment - play. I would much rather be among my pets of the garden with a hoe in my hand than go to the beach or theatre and I am sure it is less tiresome and more

I think that I am perfectly safe in saying that there is no flower presenting such a wonderful variety of coloring as the Iris. There are no words capable of describing its beauty.

"What skillful limner e'er would choose To paint the rainbow's varying hues, Unless to mortal it were given To dip his brush in dyes of heaven."

We often hear the expression "it rivals the orchid!" I claim that it excels the orchid.

There has recently been shown in Boston what is claimed to have been the greatest display of orchids ever held in the world, and I say without fear of successful contradiction that we have irises surpassing anything in that show, and whereas only wealthy people can have orchids nearly everybody having a few feet of ground may enjoy the iris. They are as easy as weeds to grow, in fact will submit to more abuse than most weeds. I have seen them thrown on top of a hill in September and remain there until the following May without any protection and then flower. Of course it will respond to kind treatment! We mention the above merely to show its hardiness. They seem to succeed over a greater range of territory than any other plant, withstanding the cold of Canada and the heat of Mcxico.

WHERE TO PLANT

Irises will adapt themselves to almost any soil or condition, but while they will do fairly well in poor soil, and partial shade, they prefer a moderately rich, well-drained soil, and a sunny exposure. Their ability to withstand drouth, and heat, is truly astonishing, but should not be taken advantage of, if good results are expected. Plant in a fairly good, well-drained soil using a little lime. If fertilizers are necessary, ground bone seems to suit them as well as anything I know of.

WHEN TO PLANT

Irises may be successfully planted any time when the ground is in workable condition. The time usually recommended is August and September, but experience teaches us that the sooner they are planted after they are through flowering, the better will be the results the following year. Some of our customers come here and take them while in flower and do not allow us to cut off the tops as they want the flowers

left on in order to arrange their "color schemes." We do most of our planting during July, August and September, although we do more or less from the opening of the ground in the spring until it freezes in the fall. If planted late in the fall they should be given a light mulch, not to protect them from the cold, but to prevent them from being lifted out of the ground by the alternate freezing and thawing.

WHAT TO PLANT

Now I do not propose to get myself into trouble by recommending a list of varieties because what would please the head of the household (or garden) might not appeal to the husband.

A couple came here last year to get some plants, the lady doing the choosing, until finally the man said, "Send a dozen of that," whereupon the lady spoke up and said, "Oh, no, Charlie, that would make an awful clash." He insisted upon having them, and she insisted that he should not. Needless to say, that particular variety was not included in the order.

The American Iris Society has a checklist of about 2000 alleged varieties, so that aside from the reasons stated above, it seems hardly advisable to attempt to give a list of desirable kinds; but let us bear in mind that it requires no more room or time to grow the best than the poorest. At a meeting in Wellesley Town Hall, a lawyer while speaking said, "Lawyers have to live." Another man broke in with, "Don't see any need of it"; and I don't see any need of growing inferior varieties of Iris when there are so many superior kinds from which to choose. I recently asked an "Iris crank," "If you were confined to one Iris, what would it be?" Without much hesitation he replied, "I think I would stick to the old, reliable Pallida Dalmatica," and he has nearly all the latest and most expensive sorts. So you see it is not necessary to pay high prices in order to get good varieties.

Perhaps it may be well to name a few standard varieties, and below is a list of sorts that have been thoroughly tried and proved worthy of general cultivation:

White - Florentina, Ingeborg, Mrs. H. Darwin.

White and purple - Fairy, Victorine, Mme. Chereau, Rhein Nixe.

Purple — Archevecque, Monsignor, Perfection, Kharput.

Lavender purple — Juniata, Pallida Dalmatica Celeste.

Red - Caprice, Mme. Pacquitte, Crimson King, Ed. Michel.

Yellow — Aurea, Mrs. Neubronner, Sherwin-Wright.

Bronze — Dr. Bernice, Arnols, Prosper Laugier.

Lilac and rose — Queen of May, Her Majesty, Mrs. Allan Gray, Rose Unique, Lohengrin, Isolene.

Yellow and purple — Darius, Loreley, Iris King, Nibelungen, Princess Victoria Louise.

Don't forget to join the American Iris Society. All you need do is send \$3.00 with your name to R. S. Sturtevant, Secretary, Wellesley Farms 95, Mass. He will do the rest.

"Oh, Adam was a gardener, and the God who made him sees That half a proper gardener's work is done upon his knees. So, when your work is finished, you can wash your hands and pray For the Glory of the Garden, that it may not pass away; And the Glory of the Garden, it shall never pass away."

-Kipling

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"WHEN DAYS ARE DARKEST, WHEN HOPE IS FAINTEST GO AMONG THE FLOWERS, DRINK IN THEIR MESSAGE OF PEACE AND BE COMFORTED."